

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Weston Residents

Selectman Dennis Tracey was not present

This meeting was videotaped and recorded. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by the Weston Girl Scouts
2. **Girl Scout Proclamation** - Ms. Daniel presented a proclamation to the Weston Girl Scouts in honor of National Girls Scout Day on March 12, 2017.
3. **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Gary Betsworth from the Commission for the Arts effective March 3, 2017.** Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the resignation of Gary Betsworth from the Commission for the Arts effective March 3, 2017. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Michael Smith from the Lachat Town Farm Commission, effective February 23, 2017.** Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Smith from the Lachat Town Farm Commission effective February 23, 2017. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Discussion/decision to appoint Jens Beuttner to the Sustainability Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018.** Mr. Beuttner spoke about his experience with environmental issues as well as his hopes for the future. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint Mr. Beuttner to the Sustainability Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign lease documents with TD Equipment Finance Inc., on behalf of the Town as co-lessee with the Board of Education for the acquisition of school technology equipment.** Craig Tunks (IT Director) and Richard Rudl (School Finance Director) discussed the lease which includes such equipment as ipads, chromebooks and smartboard projectors. They will consider purchasing some of the equipment next year after the leases are up. Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign lease documents with TD Equipment Finance Inc., on behalf of the Town as co-lessee with the Board of Education for the acquisition of school technology equipment, pending Town Attorney approval. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Discussion/decision regarding the FY 2018 budget** Since we are uncertain what the state legislature is going to do, the BOE/BOS/BOF are busy planning for different scenarios. No motion made.

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8. **Discussion/decision regarding applying for a Small Town Economic Assistant Program (STEAP) Grant.** Mr. Luiz discussed an available grant for a capital project not to exceed \$500,000. The emphasis of this grant is on regional projects. Mr. Spaulding suggested using the grant for repair to a bridge that we share with another town. Sidewalks and Police Dept. renovation were also suggested. The application for the grant is due by April 17th; Mr. Luiz said he will look into resubmitting for the sidewalks.
9. **First Selectman Updates:**
 1. **Eversource work** Eversource has been busy doing preventative tree trimming work around town, all the work planned is posted on our town website. Some utility poles are also being replaced. Eversource did a great job during our last storm but they need to remember there are three priorities – Schools, Town Hall, and Town Center.
 2. **Rt. 57- culvert replacement** There has been a lot of progress – we are waiting to get the next 2 week report
10. **Any other business to come properly before this meeting.** None
11. **Adjourn** Mr. Spaulding moved to adjourn at 8:42pm, Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: April 6, 2017